

# Japan air base sends two tons of togs

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Families at Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan, sent about two tons of clothing for families on Guam who lost their homes or belongings as a result of Supertyphoon Pongsona that hit the island Dec. 8, 2002.

The Salvation Army Guam Corps was the grateful recipient of the clothing. Capt. Dave Harmon said the Salvation Army is in need of clothes as a lot of the organization's supplies have dwindled.

"We gave a lot of clothing out during (Typhoon) Chata'an and Pongsona," he said. As well, the Salvation Army sent clothes to Yap after Typhoon Mitag devastated that Micronesian island in March last year.

Sgt. Edwin V. Aquino of the 353rd Maintenance Squadron at Kadena, coordinated the donation effort in Okinawa and was in Guam to assist with the distribution.

Aquino said his sister, Lily Delos Santos, a teacher at Talofoto Elementary School, told him of the devastation caused by Pongsona's 150 mph winds.

"She would tell me how people lost their clothes and how homes were blown away," Aquino said.

Aquino requested assistance from Sgt. Lorito Caponpon from the 36th Civil Engineering Squadron to transport the clothing from Ander-



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**From Okinawa:** Two tons of donated clothing are being prepared to be unloaded yesterday at the Salvation Army's chapel in Tiyan.

sen Air Force Base, where it arrived yesterday.

Aquino said his squadron also provides humanitarian support for the Pacific Rim area.

"We've sent clothing and other supplies to people in Philippines, Korea and other places," Aquino said.

He added that this is the first time,

to his knowledge, the squadron has sent supplies to Guam, but hopes he'll be able to provide future assistance if the island should need help.

Caponpon and Staff Sgt. Brian Townsend drove the two-ton shipment to the Salvation Army's storage facility in Tiyan.

"This is something I was more than

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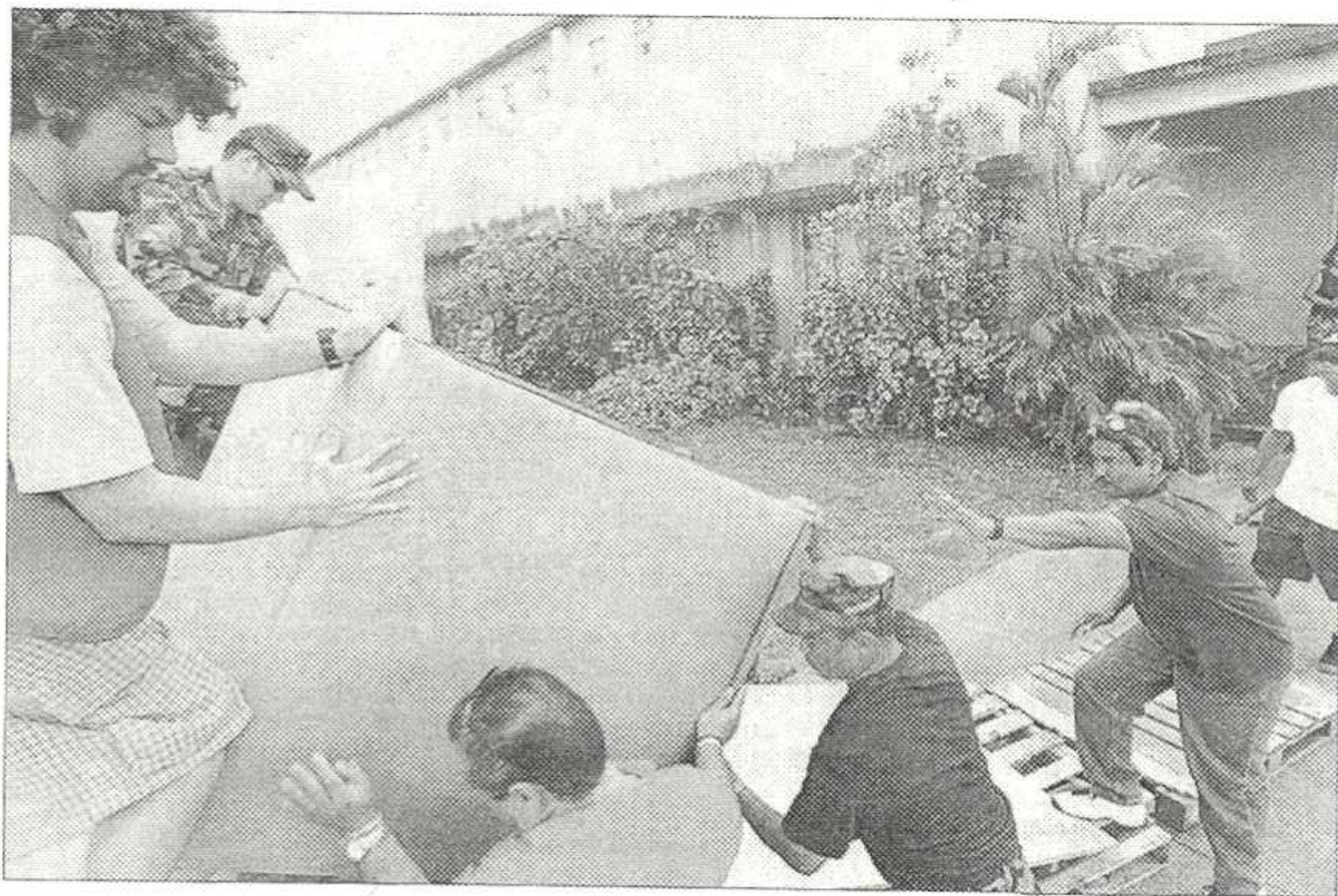
▲ Families who need clothing or those who would like to make donations can call the Salvation Army Family Services Center at 477-3528.

glad to help with," Caponpon said.

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**Heavy donations:** Salvation Army thrift store manager Will Swanson, left; Air Force Staff Sgt. Brian Townsend of the 36th Civil Engineering Squadron, back; and others unload a box of donated clothing at the Salvation Army's chapel in Tiyan.

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